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1. Egypt

The only thing really new in Nasir's long-winded speech yesterday was his call for an Arab summit conference. Nasir had been throwing cold water on the idea, pushed most avidly by King Husayn. We cannot be certain what caused his change of heart, but a desire to get the ball back from the hardliners--Algeria and Syria--may be part of the answer.

2. Soviet Union -
United Nations

Foreign Minister Gromyko went home empty-handed from the unsuccessful General Assembly session--but with a pocket full of problems for Moscow's Middle East policy.

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3. Jordan -
Iraq

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4. South Vietnam

The electorate will have its work cut out for it in the September senate elections. Even after some pruning by the central election council, 48 lists of ten men each are still in the running; only six lists will be elected. Since most candidates are from the Saigon area, the senate will have a definite urban cast whoever wins.

The peasants will be better represented in the lower house to be elected in late October or early November. Local candidates will stand for these seats, and the number from each province will depend on its population.

5. Communist China

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6. Rumania

Rumanian party boss Ceausescu has been getting a lot of advance billing for a speech he will give the Rumanian National Assembly today. He may not live up to some of the wilder rumors about what Rumania will do next to show its independence, but Moscow is clearly worried. Yesterday Pravda made it clear that in the Soviet view, the Rumanians have strayed too far already.

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7. Nigeria

Lagos seems about ready to try amphibious landings in the Port Harcourt area of the Eastern Region. Some 2,000 troops and such naval craft as the Federal government owns are being assembled for the purpose. In the meantime Federal forces along the northern front are supposed to step up the pressure--if they can.

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